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Hongkong, February 27, 1878.

For Sale.

CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.

THIS REFINERY MANUFACTURES

LOAF SUGAR, (in 5, 10, and 15 lbs. Loaves)

Cut and Powdered LOAF SUGAR.

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CRYSTALLIZED SUGAR, mark C. S. R. (in diamond) 4 III.

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Packed in Quantities and Packages to suit Customers.

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CHINA SUGAR REFINING Co., Limited, East Point, Hongkong.

March 8, 1878.

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Apply to BATTLES & Co. Hongkong, December 3, 1877.

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(In English and Chinese.)

WASHERMAN'S BOOKS, for the use of Ladies and Gentlemen, are now ready at this Office—Price, \$1 each.

CHINA MAIL OFFICE.

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VEYRON'S FRENCH COFFEE MACHINES, Assorted Sizes, New System, with Automatic Lamp.

COFFEE ROASTERS, and COFFEE MILLS.

SETS OF GARDENING UTENSILS. GENTS' TOOL CHESTS.

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COPPER SIGNAL LAMPS, & MAST-HEAD LAMPS, fitted with Dioptric Lenses according to the latest Admiralty regulations.

DIOPTRIC LENSES for Signal Lamps. PORTHOLE GLASSES, assorted sizes.

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QUILL PEN-MAKING MACHINES. UNDERWOOD'S BLACK WRITING INK. MAUVE INK.

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CELEBRATED SMOKING MIXTURE, and

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Very Fine MANILA CIGARS, CIGARETTES, &c., &c.

BACLAY & PERKINS' PORTER, in Hhds. and Kilderkins.

Finest CHERBOURG BUTTER, in Bottles.

Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

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OF

MANUFACTURERS,

in connection with their

WINE TRADE.

The Quality of the Bottled Waters manufactured is guaranteed to be First-class, the Machinery and Chemicals being New, and the Best which can be imported.

PRICES.

SODA WATER 40 CENTS.

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SODA WATER in large Syphons, 75 "

A Reduction on these Prices is made on Orders of over Three Dozen. Bottles charged, if not returned.

13, Queen's Road, and 22, Praya, Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

FOR SALE.

THE 90 4 1 BRITISH STEAMSHIP "ARGENTINO."

915 Tons Register (1426 Tons Gross). For Particulars, apply to the Captain on Board.

Hongkong, May 4, 1878.

NOW READY.

A CHINESE DICTIONARY IN THE CANTONESE DIALECT. Part I. and II., A to M, with Introduction. Royal 8vo., pp. 404. By ERNEST JOHN EITEL, Ph.D. Tubingen.

Price: Five Dollars, or Two Dollars and a Half per Part.

To be had from Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & Co., Hongkong and Shanghai; and Messrs KIMMY & WALSH, Shanghai.

Hongkong, March 1, 1878.

For Sale.

FOR SALE.

ICE CHESTS, THE LATEST AMERICAN IMPROVEMENT.

ICE PAIRS, Plates and Tongues. AMERICAN PORCELAIN-LINED ICE PICKERS.

POCKET SIPHONAS, WEIGH ONLY 12 OUNCES. AUTOMATON UMBRELLAS.

The New BROWN and BLACK FELT HATS. SUMMER STRAW HATS.

FORD'S EUREKA SHIRTS, COLLARS ATTACHED. REMINGTON MATCH RIFLES.

SHORT KNIVES with SWORD BAYONETS. NEW STYLES in FRENCH BRACES.

Very Fine MANILA CIGARS, \$9.50 per Box of 500. AIR CUSHIONS and BEDS.

SWIMMING BELTS. THIN SILK SCARVES for Summer.

Light French Summer BOOTS and SHOES. A Large Collection of OLEOGRAPHES.

COIR DOOR MATS, in all Sizes. HAND VALISES.

BARON LEBIE'S FOOD for ADULTS, a complete substitute for COD LIVER OIL.

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The New Food Warmer, THE MOTHER'S FRIEND, keeps Food Warm for 12 hours.

French COFFEE MACHINES. MAPLE SYRUP.

FRUIT and LIME-JUICE SYRUPS.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co.

Hongkong, May 9, 1878.

SAYLE & Co.

GREAT REDUCTION in the PRICE of Plain Coloured GLACE SILKS. For a short time only. We shall offer VARIOUS COLOURS at one uniform Price, 60 Cents per Yard, some slightly soiled but all admirably suited for Summer Wear, Evening Dresses or Underslips. Our usual Price for these Goods is \$1.35 per Yard.

GREAT REDUCTION in the Price of JAPANESE POPLINS. All these Goods will be offered very Cheap, from 15 Cents per Yard.

OUR SUMMER STOCK IS COMPLETED, NOVELTIES in EVERY DEPARTMENT.

WHITE DRESS GOODS, in Endless Variety. COLOURED FRENCH LAWNS, Wash and Wear Well.

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COLOURED GRENADES. UNTRIMMED STRAW HATS, and BONNETS.

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LACES and LACE GOODS. BABY LINEN and LADIES' UNDERCLOTHING.

FRENCH and ENGLISH CORSETS, New Shapes, and GLOVE FITTING.

Fine WHITE FLANNELS, made specially for Summer Wear.

Fine INDIA LONG CLOTHS. EMBROIDERING and MILLINERY.

DRESS-MAKING and MILLINERY. SAYLE & Co., VICTORIA EXCHANGE, Queen's Road, and Stanley Street. [my24]

Auctions.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions from H. M. Naval Store-keeper, to sell by Public Auction, on

FRIDAY,

the 17th May, at 11 a.m., at H. M. NAVAL YARD,—

SUNDRY CONDENSED NAVAL and VICTUALLING STORES, comprising:—

Old Iron, Hoses, Boots, &c., &c.

Blue Cloth, Shoes, &c.

Chocolate, Bisquit Dust, Candles, Soap, Tobacco, &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars, weighed at 7.1.7.

The Lot or Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

J. M. ARMSTRONG, Government Auctioneer.

Hongkong, May 9, 1878.

BILLIARD TABLES.

LANE, CRAWFORD & Co. have been instructed to sell by Public Auction, in their Sales Rooms, Praya, on

FRIDAY,

the 17th May, 1878, at 2 o'clock p.m.,—

Two Full Sized ENGLISH BILLIARD TABLES, in Good Order, and Complete, with Cues, Balls, Marking Boards, &c.

TERMS OF SALE.—Cash before delivery in Mexican Dollars weighed at 7.1.7.

All Lots, with all faults and errors of description, at purchaser's risk on the fall of the hammer.

Hongkong, May 7, 1878.

Intimations.

G. FALCONER & Co.

WATCH and CHRONOMETER MANUFACTURERS, and JEWELLERS.

NAUTICAL INSTRUMENTS, CHARTS and BOOKS.

48, Queen's Road Central.

Hongkong, April 20, 1878.

LOST.

A BLACK and TAN TERRIER with One Eye. Answer to the name of "GUNNER." Any one finding the same and sending it to the WEST POINT FOUNDRY will be rewarded if necessary.

Hongkong, May 11, 1878.

Intimations.

HIS IMPERIAL RUSSIAN MAJESTY'S CONSULATE, HONGKONG.

NOTICE.

THE Shipping is hereby notified that Torpedoes have been placed at the entrance of the port of Wai-kei-wook (in the Littoral province of Eastern Siberia), and that Vessels, previous to entering said port must apply to board the Guardship, which is stationed outside, for an officer, who will pilot them through the dangers.

WM. REINERS, Consul.

Hongkong, May 8, 1878.

NOTICE.

OFFICE OF THE YANGTZE INSURANCE ASSOCIATION.

SHANGHAI, April 20th, 1878.

NEW SHARE CERTIFICATES, in exchange for the Existing Ones, will be issued to Shareholders of record on the 15th May next.

It is requested that Shareholders will send in their Present Certificates as soon as possible after that date, and that those who have not yet signed the Deed of Settlement will do so without delay.

By Order of the Directors, RUSSELL & Co., Secretaries.

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DEVOE'S BRILLIANT OIL.

RELIABLE, ECONOMICAL, SAFE!!

DESIRED to benefit by the world-wide reputation of our Oil, certain parties have attempted to imitate our package. Suits at law have been instituted against the MARKERS and PURCHASERS of these imitations. Buyers should be careful to see that the words "DEVOE'S BRILLIANT" are stencilled on the cases, and the words "DEVOE MFG CO. PATENTS" are stamped on the top of the can.

THE DEVOE MANUFACTURING CO., 80 Beaver and 127 Pearl Streets, NEW YORK, U. S. A. [my11]

Notices of Firms.

NOTICE.

THE Business of the Undersigned, from and after the 31st Instant, will be carried on under the Style of "LINSTEAD & Co."

T. G. LINSTEAD.

Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR. WILLIAM HENRY HARTON, Jr., is this Day admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.

GILMAN & Co.

Hongkong and Foochow, May 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr. EDWARD CUNNINGHAM in our Firm in Hongkong and China, CEASED on the 31st December last.

RUSSELL & Co.

China, March 8, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest of the late JOHN GURNEY FRY in our Firm CEASED on the 30th Ultimo.

SILVERLOCK & Co.

Foochow, May 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE PARTNERSHIP existing between Mr. JOHN G. PURDON and Mr. HENRY W. DAVIS in Hongkong and CANTON, under the Style of PURDON & Co., is this Day Dissolved by mutual consent; either Partner will sign in liquidation, and the Business will be carried on by Mr. H. W. DAVIS under the Style of DAVIS & Co.

PURDON & Co.

China, April 30, 1878.

MR. HENRY W. DAVIS retires from, and his Interest and Responsibility CEASES in our Firm at Foochow from the 30th Ultimo; and Messrs JOHN ANDREW MAITLAND and EDWARD F. HAGUE are admitted PARTNERS therein from this Date.

PURDON & Co.

China, May 1, 1878.

MR. JOHN GRAEME PURDON is this Day admitted a PARTNER in our Firm.

MAITLAND & Co.

Shanghai, May 1, 1878.

MR. CHARLES COLE is authorised to sign our Firm per procuration at Foochow.

PURDON & Co.

Foochow, May 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

MR. GUSTAV FISCHER has been duly authorized to sign our Firm by procuration from this Date.

E. MEYER & Co.

Tientsin, May 1, 1878.

NOTICE.

THE Interest and Responsibility of the Undersigned in the Chinese Mail, 華字日報 (Hwah Tze Yat Po), CEASED from the 1st August, 1877; but Debts prior to that Date will be received and paid by him.

CHUN AYIN.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

NOTICE.

IN Reference to the above, the Undersigned has LEASED the Chinese Mail from the 1st August, 1877, and has engaged the services of Mr. LEON YUOK CHUN, as Translator and General Manager of the newspaper, which under his new regime will be found to be, as hitherto, an excellent medium for advertising, especially as the Manager is able to devote his whole attention to the conduct of the Newspaper.

KONG OHIM.

Lessee of the Hongkong Chinese Mail.

Hongkong, April 6, 1878.

To Let.

TO LET.
THE Dwelling House No. 6, Mosque Terrace, possession from 15th April next.
Three Offices, in Club Chambers.
Apply to
DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
Hongkong, March 4, 1878.

TO LET.
HOUSE No. 9, Queen's Road Central, with Godowns attached.
Houses No. 2, and 5, Seymour Terrace.
Apply to
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Hongkong, January 4, 1878.

TO LET.
A SUBSTANTIALLY-BUILT BUNGALOW on SHAMSHU, in Canton. Possession from 25th May.
Apply to
AHMEDBOY HABIBBOY.
Hongkong, May 6, 1878.

Notices to Consignees.

FROM LONDON AND SINGAPORE.

THE S. S. *Glenlyon* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Undersigned, whence and/or from the Wharves or Boats delivery may be obtained.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded to Shanghai and Japan, unless notice be given before Two o'clock To-day.
Goods remaining undelivered after 21st instant will be subject to rent.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, May 14, 1878. my21

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the Undermentioned Cargo are hereby informed that unless the same be taken delivery of within one month from this date it will be sold to pay expenses.

Ex *Argentino*, 30th April, 1877, 10 Cases.
Ex *Elgin*, 26th May, 1877, 8 Cases.
W S (in diamond), 1 Box.
D S & Co. (in diamond), 1 Box.
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
7, Queen's Road, Hongkong, May 4, 1878. my24

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

S. S. SINDH.

NOTICE.
CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *Euphrate*, from London, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk at the Company's Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.
Optional Cargo will be forwarded on, unless intimation is received from the Consignees, before To-day, the 15th instant, at 10 a.m., requesting it to be landed here.
Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.
Goods remaining undelivered after SATURDAY, the 18th instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. DU POUY, Agent.
Hongkong, May 13, 1878. my18

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNEES of the following Cargo are requested to send in their Bills of Lading to the Undersigned for countersignature, and take immediate delivery. This Cargo has been landed and stored at their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
H. DU POUY, Agent.

Ex *Traveller*,
K (in diamond) 515/24 Order, } from
10 cases Worsted, } London.
Ex *Tigre*,
VHSO 6897/8, Order, 2 cases } from
Merchandise, } London.
LOF 19, Mr. Schneider, 1 case } from
Fire arms, } M'lies.
EM 1/5, Messrs. Meyer & Co., }
5 cases Soap, }
Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

Volume Sixth of the "CHINA REVIEW."

Now Ready.
No. V.—Vol. VI.
—OF THE—
"CHINA REVIEW"
CONTAINS—

Bibliography of the Chinese Imperial Collections of Literature.
The Taog Kou Chih.
Geographical Notes on the Province of Kiangsi.
Chinese Moral Sayings Compared with Those of the Greek Tragedians.
Translations of Chinese School-books.
Short Notices of New Books and Literary Intelligence.
Notes and Queries—
Portuguese from Macao in Peking in the first quarter of the 17th Century.
Grimm's Laws in Chinese.
Primer of English for Chinese.
Chinese Clasp-knives.
The Chinese Silver Coinage of Tibet.
Use of Bricks.
Opium Eating in China.
The Tea Tribes of Yunnan.
Books Wanted, Exchanges, &c.
China Mail Office,
Hongkong, May 13, 1878.

To-day's Advertisements.

FOR SHANGHAI & YOKOHAMA.
The Steamship
"GLENLYON,"
Captain WALLACE, will be despatched as above TO-MORROW, the 16th instant, at Noon.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.
Hongkong, May 15, 1878. my16

FOR YOKOHAMA (DIRECT).
The Steamship
"GLAMIS CASTLE,"
will be despatched for the above Port, on or about WEDNESDAY Next, the 22nd instant.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
ADAMSON, BELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 15, 1878.

FOR AMOY.
The Steamship
"MACTAN,"
ERQUAGA, Master, shortly due, will have quick despatch for the above Port.
For Freight or Passage, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, May 15, 1878.

FOR HONOLULU.
The A 1 American Bark
"FRANK MARION,"
ELDRIDGE, Master, will leave for the above Port, and have quick despatch.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, May 15, 1878.

FOR SAN FRANCISCO.
The A 1 American Ship
"GREAT ADMIRAL,"
BENJ. THOMPSON, Master, having the greater portion of her Cargo engaged, will be despatched to the above port on June 6th.
For Freight, apply to
RUSSELL & Co.
Hongkong, May 15, 1878.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo per S. S. *CITY OF PEKING*, are hereby notified that their Goods are being landed and stored in the Godowns of the Company at their risk and expense.
No Fire Insurance has been effected.
RUSSELL & Co.,
Agents.
Hongkong, May 15, 1878.

NOTICE.
THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr M. S. GUBBAY in our Firm CEASED on the 31st December, 1877.
DAVID SASSOON, SONS & Co.
Shanghai, May 11, 1878. my29

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction, on **MONDAY**, the 27th May, 1878, at Noon, on the Premises—
All that PIECE or PARCEL OF GROUND, situated near the No. 2 Police Station, East Point, and Registered in the Land Office as Inland Lot No. 453, Containing 5,000 Square Feet, together with the 6 Houses Built thereon.
TERMS OF SALE.—One-half of the purchase money to be paid on the fall of the hammer, and the balance on completion of the Deed of Transfer, the expenses of which to be paid by the purchaser, and the property to be at the risk of the purchaser from the fall of the hammer.
J. M. ARMSTRONG,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, May 15, 1878. my27

TO BE SOLD FOR ACCOUNT OF THE CONCERNED.

ON the 1st June, 1878,
BY
PUBLIC AUCTION,
Unless previously disposed of by Private Contract.
LOT No. 20, with all the BUILDINGS erected on it, known as
"THE GRAND HOTEL,"
which meanwhile will be carried on, On Account of the Concerned.

And also,
ON THE SAME DAY,
ALL THE FURNITURE & EFFECTS Belonging to the same.
For Particulars, apply to the
AUCTIONEER, BOURNE & Co.
Yokohama, May 4, 1878. my22

NOTICE.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANCAIS.
STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, POINT DE GALLE, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUZ, ISMAILIA, PORT SAID, NAPLES, AND MARSAILLES;
Also,
PONDICHERY, MADRAS, CALCUTTA, AND BOMBAY.

ON SATURDAY, the 26th May, 1878, at Noon, the Company's S. S. *TIGRE*, Commandant LORZIE, with MALES, PASSENGERS, SPECIES, and CARGO, will leave this Port for the above places.
Cargo and Specie will be registered for London as well as for Marseilles, and accepted in transit through Marseilles for the principal places of Europe.
Cargo will be received on board until 4 p.m., Specie and Parcels until 8 p.m. on the 24th May, 1878. (Parcels are not to be sent on board; they must be left at the Agency's Office.)
Contents and value of Packages are required.
For further particulars, apply to the Company's Office.
H. DU POUY,
Agent.
Hongkong, May 15, 1878. my28

To-day's Advertisements.

SMALL COALS.
SMALL COALS of Excellent Quality for STEAM BOILERS and SMITH WORK are FOR SALE at the KALUNG COLLIERY. Offers are invited.
Address: Official Colliery Yamen, KALUNG, FORMOSA.
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AS BUTLER OR VAL T.
THE ADVERTISER wishes to RECOMMEND his HOUSEBOY, 12 Years Good Character.
Apply by Letter to "G." care of China Mail Office.
Hongkong, May 15, 1878. it

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be Responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour:—
FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE, British barque, Captain A. McIntyre.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
DEVANA, British barque, Capt. William May.—Melchers & Co.
H. G. JOHNSON, American barque, Capt. Isaac N. Colby.—Arnhold, Karberg & Co.
TA LEE, German barque, Captain M. Hoffmann.—Stienssen & Co.
CEYLON, American barque, Captain Edward Kelly.—Olyphant & Co.
PRINZ FRIEDRICH CARL, German str., Capt. H. Mohr.—Butterfield & Swire.
AMERICA, British steamer, Captain J. Graham.—Birley & Co.

SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

May 15, *Malacca*, British steamer, 1209, E. E. Smith, Yokohama May 8, Malls and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
May 15, *Heperia*, German steamer, from Whampoa.
May 15, *China*, German steamer, from Canton.
May 15, *Douglas*, British steamer, 864, Pittman, Fookhow May 12, Amoy 13, and Swatow 14, General.—DOUGLAS LAFRAIK & Co.
May 15, *Augusta Friedrich*, German barque, 287, J. Bruhn, Newcastle March 20, Coal.—STIENSSEN & Co.
May 15, *Gwalior*, British steamer, 1700, Babot, Shanghai May 12, Malls and General.—P. & O. S. N. Co.
May 15, *City of Peking*, American steamer, 5079, E. L. Tanner, San Francisco April 1, and Yokohama May 9, Treasure and General.—P. M. S. S. Co.

DEPARTURES.
May 15, *Bianca Perle*, for Bangkok.
15, *Chinkiang*, for Canton.
15, *Kwangtung*, for Coast Ports.
15, *Japan*, for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.
15, *Venice*, for Singapore, Penang and Calcutta.
15, *Tu-lee*, for Bangkok.
15, *China*, for Ningpo and Shanghai.
15, *Vintshire*, for Fookhow.
15, *Chop-sai*, Chl. g.-h., for a cruise.

CLEARED
Augusta Richmond, for Yokohama.
Corona, for Manila.
Maria Charlotte, for Callao.
Andreas, for Newchwang.
Gustav, for Chiofoo.
Emil, for Manila.
Cuba, for Fookhow.
Carnegie, for Hankow.
Pernambuco, for Bangkok.
Albany, for Swatow.
Norma, for Swatow.
Alvinton, for Keelung.

PASSENGERS.

Per *Malacca*, from Yokohama, Comr. Wise, a.m., Lieut. McGrath, Lieut. Hutchins, a.m., Messrs Hopworth, Wise, M. Wilson, C. Fosselt, J. Parker, Miss H. Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Pearson, Messrs Hyde, Kilroy, S. Ho, Mr. and Mrs. Bickett and 6 children, Miss Lantz, 45 European crew ex Japanese man-of-war *Kongo*, 1 woman and child, 3 Chinese, 1 Indian, and 10 Disarmed British Seamen.
Per *Douglas*, from Coast Ports, Mr. and Mrs. Condit, Mr. Swire, Mr. and Mrs. Sang Mun Young and child, and 244 Chinese.
Per *Gwalior*, from Shanghai, Messrs Cope and Stanton, and 25 Chinese.
Per *City of Peking*, from San Francisco, Rev. Mr. and Mrs. Junior and child, and 86 Chinese.
DEPARTED.
Per *Japan*, for Singapore, &c., Mrs. H. de Smith, Messrs A. Beth, R. B. Carnegie, 6 Natives on deck, and 380 Chinese.
Per *Kwangtung*, for Swatow, 1 Chinese.

SHIPPING REPORTS.

The British steamer *Douglas* reports: Left Fookhow on Sunday (12th) strong S.W. wind and thick weather to Amoy. Left Amoy on Monday (14th) strong N.E. wind and squally weather to Swatow. Left Swatow on Tuesday (16th) had moderate Easterly wind and thick weather during first part, and thick weather to port. In Fookhow: S. S. *Glenlyon*, *Glenlyon*, *Glenlyon*, *Erasmus*, *Castle*, *Tah*, *Yan*, and *Diomed*. In Amoy: S. S. *Perin*, *Emu*, *R. C. Fitch*, and *Ying*. In Swatow: S. S. *Caribbrooke*, *Chiofoo*, *Sea Gull*, and U. S. S. *Alert*.
The German barque *Augusta Friedrich* reports: Fine weather and light winds throughout.
The British steamer *Gwalior* reports: Left Shanghai at 7 a.m., 19th instant, in thick misty rain, and anchored inside Lightship for two hours, in thick fog. Steamer *Diomed* in company, at 1 p.m. weather cleared a little, when passed Lightship, and went outside the Saddle, after which had thick fog during the night, and incessant heavy rain all next day and night, then heavy overcast weather till off the Lamrocks, after which fresh S.W. wind and heavy weather to arrival.
The American steamer *City of Peking* reports: Arrived at Yokohama on the 3rd April and left on 24th for this port, when 146 miles out broke one of the crank pins of the Engine, returned to port under one Engine. Left again on 9th inst. at 8.30 a.m., arrived at Hongkong on 16th. Weather from San Francisco to Yokohama, moderate winds to meridian of 180, thence strong Westerly gales. From Yokohama light variable winds and smooth sea, thick with rain from the Straits to Turnagain.

POST OFFICE NOTIFICATIONS.

MAILS will close:—

For SWATOW.—
Per *Norma*, at 9.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 16th inst.
For SWATOW, AMOY, and TAMSUI.—
Per *Albany*, at 11.30 a.m., on Thursday, the 16th inst.
For SHANGHAI AND YOKOHAMA.—
Per *Glenlyon*, at 11.30 a.m. To-morrow, the 16th inst.
For QUINHOA.—
Per *Quinta*, at 8 p.m., on Thursday, the 16th inst., instead of as previously notified.
For STRAITS SETTLEMENTS.—
Per *Sadda*, at 5 p.m., on Friday, the 17th inst.
For COOKTOWN, SYDNEY, E. AUSTRALIA, &c.—
Per *Gunga*, at 11.30 a.m., on Saturday, the 18th inst. 12 cent rates.

MAILS BY THE ENGLISH PACKET:—

The English Contract Packet *Gwalior* will be despatched with the Mails for Europe, &c., on SATURDAY, the 18th inst.
The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Friday, 17th inst.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes.
6 p.m., Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.
Saturday, 18th inst.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters. Registry of Letters ceases.

10.15 a.m., Letters may be posted with to Postage till
11 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.
11.30 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) addressed to the United Kingdom Via *Brindisi*, or to Singapore, may be posted on board the Packet with Late Fee of 48 cents extra postage, till
11.50 a.m., when the Mail is finally closed.
Hongkong, May 4, 1878. my18

MAILS BY THE TORRES STRAITS PACKET:—

The Australian Contract Packet *Normandy* will be despatched from Hongkong, on TUESDAY, the 21st instant, with Mails for Singapore, Somerset, Cooktown, Cleveland Bay, Bowen, Keppel Bay, Brisbane, Sydney, Tasmania, New Zealand, and Melbourne. Correspondence cannot be Registered after 11.15 a.m.
The Mails will be closed at 11.30 a.m. Supplementary mail received on board with late fee of 18 cents till time of departure.
Correspondence for Southern and Western Australia can be sent by this route if desired, but as a general rule it is better to send it via Galle.
Hongkong, May 10, 1878. my21

MAILS BY THE FRENCH PACKET:—

The French Contract Packet *Tigre* will be despatched from Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 26th instant, with Mails to and through the United Kingdom and Europe, via *Marseilles*; to Saigon, Singapore, Batavia, Galle, Pondicherry, Madras, Calcutta, Bombay, Aden, Suez, and Alexandria.
The following will be the hours of closing the Mails, &c.:—
Friday, 24th instant.—
5 p.m., Money Order Office closes. Post Office closes except the Night Box, which remains open all night.
Saturday, 25th instant.—
7 a.m., Post Office opens for sale of Stamps, Registry of Letters, and Posting of all correspondence.
10 a.m., Registry of Letters ceases.
11 a.m., Post Office closes except for Late Letters.
11.10 a.m., Letters (but Letters only) may be posted on payment of a to Late Fee of 18 cents extra postage, until
11.30 a.m., when the Post Office Closes entirely.
Hongkong, May 11, 1878. my25

General Memoranda.

FRIDAY, May 17:—
11 a.m.—Sale of Sundries at Naval Yard.
2 p.m.—Sale of Billiard Tables, at Messrs Lane, Crawford & Co.'s Sale Rooms.
SATURDAY, May 18:—
Noon.—English Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
Noon.—*Gunga* leaves for Cooktown, &c. Goods per *Sindh* undelivered after Noon, subject to rent and landing charges.
SUNDAY, May 19:—
Daylight.—*Argyll* leaves for Shanghai.
MONDAY, May 20:—
9 p.m.—Meeting of Victoria Lodge.
TUESDAY, May 21:—
Normandy leaves for Singapore, &c. Goods per *Glenlyon* undelivered after this date subject to rent.
WEDNESDAY, May 22:—
Glenlyon leaves for Yokohama on or about this date.
THURSDAY, May 23:—
8 p.m.—American Mail leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.
SATURDAY, May 26:—
Noon.—French Mail leaves for Ports of Call and Europe.
MONDAY, May 27:—
Noon.—Sale of Ground, Inland Lot No. 453, East Point.
TUESDAY, June 4:—
8 p.m.—Occidental & Oriental S. S. Co.'s Steamer leaves for Yokohama and San Francisco.

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.
Noon.—*Albany* leaves for Swatow, &c.
Noon.—*Glenlyon* leaves for Shanghai, &c.
Meeting.
9 p.m.—Meeting of Perseverance Lodge.

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Hongkong, June 1, 1876.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

HONGKONG, WEDNESDAY, MAY 15, 1878.

APHORISMS of the recent visit of the Hopo of Canton to this port, we may observe that a decree appears in the *Peking Gazette* of April 6th in reply to a memorial, which had contained a proposal of no less moment than the transfer of the control of the customs establishments at Canton and Fookhow from the independent superintendents (at Canton the Hopo or Halkwan) to the Governor-General and Governor. This memorial appears to have emanated from the Hanlin College, and to have contained a pointed attack upon the abuses in connection with the customs establishments at the two places in question, but the full contents of the memorial have not yet been published in the *Gazette*. The decree in reply negatives the proposal in the following terms: "The Canton Customs establishment was originally under the management of the provincial Government, but in the year 1751 a superintendent was appointed. At the instance of Tao Tsung-tang some years ago, the question of the restoration of the control to the Governor-General was raised, and Jui-lien, who was Governor-General at Canton at the time, reported, on the matter being referred to him, that there were three obstacles, which rendered transfer inadvisable. A decree was thereupon issued, ordering that the existing system be continued. It is therefore unnecessary to consider the memorialist's application."
The visit which the Hopo has just paid to Hongkong and the various customs stations round it was announced in the *Gazette* as long ago as the 26th December last, and so far as the visits to the customs stations are concerned, they were avowedly to be undertaken for the purpose of correcting any abuses (affecting the amount of revenue collected) that might be discovered. It is scarcely likely the Hopo has succeeded in detecting many abuses of this nature in the course of his flying visits to the "stations." His predecessors in office had never, it seems, made such visits. In the memorial announcing these inspections, the reason of their having been undertaken by the present Hopo are given. "The injunctions laid upon me by your sacred Majesties as I was taking my departure from Peking," says the Hopo in his memorial, "to let my vigilance be all embracing, are engraved upon my heart, and will be reverently observed in my conduct. Of late, moreover, the receipts of opium duties at the six stations at Hongkong and Macao have shown a continuous decline, to such an extent, indeed, that the revenue does not suffice to meet the appropriations ordered to be supplied from it; and a study of the causes of this falling off leads to the conclusion that smuggling cannot fail to be rife. Everything during my visits shall receive careful attention, and I will on no account venture to indulge in rash innovations, but will, at the same time, refrain from neglecting my duty in any spirit of supine adherence to routine."

It is satisfactory to find from the annual report of the Harbour Master at Singapore, published in the *Straits Times* of the 3rd instant, that the trade of that port; especially that portion of it with the mother country, was larger in 1877 than during any year since the foundation of the Colony. The imports amounted in value to \$48,327,317 and the exports to \$41,408,407; total \$89,735,724, being an increase of \$4,674,871 on the total of the previous year. In 1870 the total trade was about twenty millions of dollars less. The following table shows the value of the imports and exports with the United Kingdom for the last eight years:—

Year.	Imports.	Exports.
1870	\$ 10,535,548	\$ 8,528,931
1871	" 9,593,997	" 6,028,403
1872	" 9,698,554	" 6,689,394
1873	" 10,946,208	" 8,289,754
1874	" 10,405,249	" 6,448,188
1875	" 8,669,518	" 6,658,238
1876	" 10,252,334	" 6,719,788
1877	" 13,317,940	" 7,875,402

The Chinese immigrants during the year numbered 45,045, being a decrease

of 695 on the previous year; the emigrants numbered 21,437 being an increase of 5,786 on the previous year. While emigration to the Settlement, therefore, was about as large as in the previous year, the emigration of Chinese from it shows a large increase; still an addition of over 20,000 Chinese residents in the Colony each year must be fully as many as can find support there. The following table exhibits the number and tonnage of the shipping entered at Singapore during the last six years and how also steam has superseded sails:—

NOTES ON CHINESE.

(By a Contributor.)

There is a colloquial expression in the Cantonese Dialect, *wat ku-shi* 屈古樹, which is used to denote the toptary-work or artificially stunted shrubs and trees so common in local gardens. It may not be generally known that the same expression is used to indicate another species of monstrosity with which Europeans are less familiar. Young children are bought or stolen at a tender age and placed in a *ching* 椅, or vase with a narrow neck, and having in this case a movable bottom. In this receptacle the unfortunate little wretches are kept for years in a sitting posture, their heads outside, being all the while carefully tended and fed. Of course they are not taught to speak, or exercise their intellectual faculties in any way. The head develops to its natural—probably, indeed, to an abnormal—size, on account of the small amount of nutriment required for the stunted body. When the child has reached the age of 20 or over, he or she is taken away to some distant place and "discovered" in the woods as a wild man or woman. Being brought to Canton, or some other large centre, the unhappy creature is exhibited as the "extraordinary wild dwarf of the woods, unable to speak, price of admission 20 cash, &c., &c." It may be mentioned that all possibility of human utterance is taken from the child by the timely administration of certain drugs (such as 毒藥), which destroy, presumably, the vocal chords.

There is a vegetable (the *Pachyrhizus trilobus*), much eaten by the Cantonese, which goes by the name of *ko*, 葛. In Hongkong, and other places where foreigners are to be found, the proper word *ko* is seldom used; but, instead, the apparently awkward expression *that shau ngai* 貴首藕 is seldom used, that is to say, by Cantonese who are daily brought into contact with foreigners. The reason for this is that *ko* is considered to be an unlucky sound; and, like such syllables as *ku*, *kau*, &c., (the meaning of which will be familiar to Cantonese scholars) is tabooed as often as possible from familiar conversation. Many natives will be found quite unable to give any satisfactory reason for taboos of this kind; but occasionally one will be found who can give the true one, which is this: "Ko is a very wicked word in the foreign languages, and when joined to the word *tan*, or the word *ma*, [God-damn, my God] signifies something very terrible connected with the spirits or persons of your ancestors, and is generally accompanied by a ferocious look on the part of the imprecating foreigner, and, possibly, a box on the ear at the same time."

Let not philologists lose sight of such facts as these when searching for their whys and their wherefores.

REUTERS' TELEGRAMS.

(SUPPLIED TO THE "CHINA MAIL.")

(By Southern Route.)

LONDON, 13th May, 1878.

Midnight.

The perpetrator of the attempted assassination of the Emperor of Germany proves to be a socialist from Leipzig.
Count Shouvaloff has taken with him no written proposals, but is only to explain the views of the British Government.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

We are glad to learn that a shaft has been found which it is thought will prove to be suitable for H. M. S. *Vigilant*. The shaft in question was discovered beneath a heap of coal in Mr Kwok Ah-chong's Foundry, where it had been buried for several years. It has been removed and is now lying under the shear-legs ready for shipment.</

taste, even such delicate things can be manipulated so as to gratify and encourage all parties concerned.

The Batteries on the Western part of the island are rapidly approaching completion. The one at Bonham Road is to have three guns, one of which is the 12-ton "Infant" which occasioned so much trouble in its transit. It now lies at the Battery ready for mounting. The guns are all of the Naval type. The Battery Road battery is to have two guns, the carriage of one of which is already in position and the other will be so in a day or two. The work at West Point is not so far advanced as on the other sites, as a new road has had to be cut and a number of hovels removed before operations could be commenced. This battery is also to have two guns and sheet-iron has been erected nearly opposite Messrs Howard & Co.'s premises to land them from boats. One of the guns of the Bonham Road Battery commands both the Ly-e-moon Pass and Green Island Pass, while the other two sweep the Harbour East of Stonecutter's Island and the Ly-e-moon Pass. The guns at Battery Road command the western entrance, and can be trained to cover a considerable portion of the Harbour. West Point Battery commands the whole of the western entrance to the eastern end of the Stonecutter's Island. We believe that a number of men of the 74th have been trained to heavy gun drill. The removal of a number of the hovels at West Point to form the new road has been a decided improvement, the filth that was formerly met with there being something beyond description.

We are requested to state that "with the concurrence of the Officer Commanding the Troops, His Excellency the Governor has appointed Captain J. B. Dempster, 28th Regiment, to the command of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps in course of formation."

As we have previously mentioned Capt. Dempster was some time ago singled out by those interested as the most eligible Commandant of Volunteers as well on account of his popularity as for his other qualities; and there is nothing very surprising in this circumstance. The element of popularity in a commander must be a much more important provocation of efficiency and success in a volunteer than in a regular corps; and if anything had been wanting, after the recent plans of the Government have been published, to ensure the success of the Volunteer movement, the fact that a popular officer has been placed in command seems to us to supply that want. Captain Dempster is at the same time as efficient a soldier as he is an estimable gentleman who will command the respect of those serving under him. He is admirably fitted for the work, having served as adjutant of his own regiment (the 28th) for many years, and for five years as adjutant at Aldershot.

Herzog & Co.'s Weekly Shipping Report, Pagoda Anchorage, 11th May, 1878.—Arrivals During the Week.—May 5, Glenafalloch, from Hongkong; 6, Glenroy, from Hongkong; 7, Kwang-tung, from Hongkong; 9, Douglas, from Hongkong; 10, Glenfinlas, from Hongkong; 10, Braemar Castle, from Shanghai; 10, Tah Yew, from Shanghai.

Departures During the Week.—May 4, Europe for Shanghai; 5, Tah Yew, for Shanghai; 6, Yesso, for Hongkong; 7, Kwang-tung, for Hongkong.

Shipping in Port.—Glenafalloch, Glenroy, Douglas, Glenfinlas, Braemar Castle, Tah Yew.

The Russians have made great preparations for the protection of Vladivostok. There are at present 4,500 cavalry and 1,500 infantry at Ussuri, 1,500 infantry at Amorski, and 2,500 cavalry and 1,500 artillery, and 2,500 marines in the eastern part of Siberia. There are four men-of-war on the coast, and the entrance of the port is stocked with torpedoes. Whenever a vessel arrives, it is piloted into port by a man-of-war, to enable it to pick its way without coming into collision with a torpedo.—*Japan Herald.*

A Paris correspondent of the *Pall Mall Gazette* describes the Japanese and Chinese warships at the Paris exposition: "Those who take a delight in the march of progress will be glad to hear that the Japanese have discarded the clothing of their country, and assumed the shoddy trousers of enlightenment. Their foreman, who wears a blue ulster and smokes manillas, is a well-informed gentleman, speaking excellent English, and looks down upon the Chinese, who have got no further than the pigeon jargon. These simple beathens have twisted their pig-tails into flat cakes at the backs of their heads, and wear blue baggy breeches and wooden-soled shoes, having no consciousness, apparently, of how supremely ridiculous they must seem to their more forward rivals from Yedo."

A letter has been published in the *Pall Mall Gazette*, denouncing a terrible incident of warship on the departure of the Japanese from England. It is all a deep-laid Russian scheme, this writer would have it appear. "At this moment," he says, "Russia has a treaty with Japan which practically amounts to an offensive and defensive alliance," and "an ally of Japan will be considerably strengthened in naval force by the arrival of these three well-built craft in the Pacific Ocean." It is evident that the alarmist knows the effect that can be produced by bold and extreme assertions, no matter how flimsy their foundation may be. Nobody is likely to suffer

from his statement as to the "offensive and defensive" alliance, because nobody knows any more about it than probably he himself does. But, notwithstanding the absence of corroborative evidence, announcements of this sort are always sure to fasten themselves more or less strongly upon public credulity, and are almost certain to work their little share of mischief. It may safely be asserted that no person is in a position to speak authoritatively about any secret relations of Japan and Russia; yet if the idea should get abroad that the presence of the new ships of war is to exercise an injurious influence upon British interests in this vicinity, the consequences might be calamitous. The headless correspondent invents an alliance of a specific character, and then declares that it is made especially "valuable" to Russia by the formidable iron-clads. The same kind of flighty assumption has displayed itself here, in Japan. Only a few days ago we had the story of a proposal, by Russia, to occupy a part of Kin Sin, together with a neat contingent programme of British blockade. The truth is, as every one may see who will look fairly at the condition of things, that absolute neutrality, in the event of war, is a vital necessity for this empire. The slightest deviation therefrom would be little better than a step toward self-destruction. If the European powers must proceed to extremities—which is yet by no means a certainty—the government of Japan will vigorously maintain an attitude of impartiality which neither side can assail. As for the plated ships, the orders for which were given long before the peace of Europe was threatened, their work is doubtless laid out for many years to come, and without the slightest reference to the quarrels of western potentates.—*Tokio Times.*

Police Intelligence.

(Before C. V. Creagh, Esq.)
May 16, 1878.

DRUNKENNESS.
Charles Smith, fireman U. S. S. *Ranger*, was charged with the above offence, and was simply cautioned and discharged.

LARCENY.

Ching Aying, a coolie, was sent to eight weeks' hard labour for stealing a jacket. Accused had been previously convicted.

Cheung Asan, a coolie, was sent to three months' hard labour for stealing bread from the French Bakery. He also had been previously convicted.

Ng Atak, a coolie, was sent to 21 days' hard labour for stealing a hoe.

FALSE WEIGHTS.
Mahomed Ally, storekeeper, 64 Holly-wood Road, was fined \$30 for having false weights in his possession, and selling goods with the weights.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.
(Before His Honor James Russell, Esq., Acting P. J. Judge.)
May 15, 1878.

Wong Shun v. E. Spitz, \$241.99.—This case was adjourned from yesterday, and was a claim for money advanced by the plaintiff, who is Comptroller to Messrs Wm. Pustau & Co., to the defendant, who is a shipping clerk to the same firm. The defendant did not deny liability, but claimed as a set-off the value of two silver cups and one telescope which he alleged had been stolen from his room by one of the servants. The case was adjourned to the 19th inst. for the trial of the counter-claim. The defendant contended that he should be held liable in this case.

W. v. Pustau was called, and from his evidence it was shown that the Comptroller had been in the employment of the firm for over 20 years, and that there was a general understanding that he would have to pay for all depredations committed by the servants; but it could not be shown that the articles missing by the defendant were stolen by the servants, so His Lordship gave judgment for the amount claimed, with costs.

China.

(Herald, May 15th.)
The S. S. *Braemar Castle*, hourly expected from Shanghai, will, we understand, at Pagoda Anchorage.

The S. S. *Glenroy*, and *Glenafalloch*, arrived at Pagoda Anchorage on the 6th inst. These vessels will, we believe, take the berth for London so soon as the market is opened. As a number of other vessels are expected shortly, there is every probability that the rate of freight will rule low at the outset.

We hear that pressing commands have reached the Provincial Government to remit funds as quickly as possible to Peking. The officials are, we understand, on the horns of a dilemma, anxiously awaiting the resumption of tea duty payments. Arsenal expenditure is to be greatly reduced, and it is said that forced contributions from the gentry and trading classes will be levied shortly.

One of the commanders of the Mamoi Arsenal Fleet, who for some time past has been connected with building operations at the foot of Mamoi Hill, is, we are informed, under arrest on a charge of tampering with certain graves in that locality. The offence is a serious one under Chinese law, and it is rumoured that the authorities have had considerable difficulty in preventing the aggravated actions from demolishing the property of the accused.

During her last trip from Hongkong—while between that port and Swatow—the S. S. *Kwang Tung* was, we hear, in collision with a Chinese junk. The *Kwang Tung* was, it is stated, in her right course when the native craft ran into her, slightly damaging the steamer's bulwarks and breaking one of her boats. The junk sank soon afterwards, and owing to the exertions of Captain Purnham, who stood by the wreck for nearly three hours, the entire crew, with a few passengers, numbering in all eighteen souls, were saved.

In January last a subscription list was circulated here, requesting aid for the Hongkong Diocesan Home and Orphanage to discharge a debt incurred by necessary repairs to the Building. The Committee of the Institution have recently published their Report for 1877-78, in which they specially acknowledge the handsome donation received from Foochow in answer to their appeal, and we are requested to state that they offer publicly their best thanks to those subscribers

of this community, who then so liberally rendered their assistance.

Our Army correspondent writes under date 3rd inst.—"People here appear to be amusing themselves between Formosan Columns and Amateur Theatricals. The A. D. C. intend to have a performance on the 7th inst. in which real ladies will appear. Tea news points to an early season. About 2000 chests of Oolong had arrived, and more were looked for per S. S. *Albatross*. Some of these teas have already gone forward per S. S. *Prior* to London, and a further quantity by United States Mail to New York."

Little Amy will, we think, bear favorable comparison with any Foreign Settlement on the China Coast. We do not exactly know why this should be the case. Possibly, it may be attributed to the invigorating sea breeze in which the Amoyites are permitted to luxuriate. Possibly, to various other causes. But the fact remains an incontestable fact. Take theatricals, for example. Our Army correspondent mentions a performance in preparation for the 7th inst. Rather late in the season it is true, but clearly indicative of an energetic zest for amusement that is certainly conspicuous by its absence in larger communities.

We understand that certain native hong have within the last few days purchased a quantity of willow and other purgative tea, with a view to its admixture with genuine tea leaf. This "tea" is, we hear, picked in this neighborhood, sun-dried in the ordinary way, and brought down in tea bags. It is then fired and manipulated like the genuine tea leaf, though its true character is easily detected by an expert. When, however, only a small proportion of this spurious stuff is mixed with the genuine tea leaf, its presence can only be ascertained by careful and, perhaps, repeated inspection.

The Chamber of Commerce here, we believe, taken up the matter, and have been in communication with H. B. M.'s Consul, by whom it has, we hear, been referred to the Chinese Authorities.

It may possibly interest many of our readers, both here and at Amoy, to know that Mr. Martin Archer Shee, for many years of the Customs' Service in China, and most recently stationed at Amoy, whence he resigned some three or four years ago, has been appointed Inspector-General of Egyptian Customs.

In the not improbable event of war between Great Britain and Russia, the latter Power would, we understand, be in a position, for a time, to interrupt telegraphic communication with India and the Far East. An extension of the submarine cable system would, however, effectually prevent any prolonged interruption, and no doubt this will be speedily accomplished.

SHANGHAI.
(News.)
We are enabled to give the following particulars of the new Chinese Loan. It is for Haiwan Tael 3,500,000 in all, of which the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation lend 1,600,000; the balance being subscribed chiefly by Chinese at Shanghai and Ningpo. The loan is to be repaid in three years, by six equal half-yearly instalments, security being deposited with the bank in the shape of Customs Bonds.—It is understood that the money is wanted by General Tso Tsung-tang, to meet the requirements of his army.

Over twenty Chinese are expected to leave this morning (May 15th), for Hankow, by the China Navigation Company's steamer *Shanghai*. Their names appear in the passenger list on the front page.

The first meeting of the creditors of Edward Jenner Hong was held yesterday (May 10th) at H.B.M.'s Supreme Court. After several debts had been proved, Mr. A. A. Krauss was appointed Trustee, with Messrs. H. Vinay and A. G. T. Cumine a Committee of Inspection; and the public examination of the bankrupt was fixed for the 12th June.

Japan.

(Mail.)

A report is current in Tokio and received there with general favor, to the effect that a new steamship company is being projected to compete with the Mitsui Bishi Company; and it is said the new company, if its formation is successfully carried out, will have a measure of government support, but whether in the shape of subsidies, or money advances at nominal rates of interest is not stated.

We are of opinion that a new line of steamers for coast trade will, if properly managed, do well. There is room for a wholesome competition, as the Mitsui Bishi has been too much pampered, and in the end the virtual monopolies it has enjoyed have done serious injury not only to itself, but also to the leading interests of Japan. If the new steamship company begins its operations by giving equal facilities to all classes of shippers whether small or large, it will do much to restore the now declining trade of some of the ports. For some time past the Japanese Government has followed a wrong policy in increasing the difficulties of these small enterprises, which have been sacrificed for the benefit of larger interests. For instance the Mitsui Bishi Company has had subsidies, the monopoly of transport, loans of money, etc., so that competition was rendered futile, and the growth of mercantile marine in Japan has been checked.

In the North too, the operations of associations for trade formed under Government auspices, and with help of Government funds, have crushed the more honest and energetic private traders, who find themselves unable to carry on their former business against the new-comers and highly favored competitors; the end is that the steamer Company loses freight. The abstention on the part of the Government from all unnecessary interference with the freedom of trade will enable mercantile enterprise to recover from the series of injuries which have been, probably unwillingly, inflicted, and after a short time, it will be seen that the Mitsui Bishi Company will also gain and not lose by the withdrawal of the monopoly which in fact drives away its best class of customers.

On the morning of the 28rd ultimo the Russian men-of-war *Bayan*, *Haydamak*, and *Admiral* arrived in Kobe, and H.B.M.'s ships *Admiral* and *Magpie* made their appearance on the following morning, thus making quite an imposing appearance in that pretty harbor. On the night of the 28th the *Haydamak* left the anchorage and the *Admiral* the following night, for destination unknown, and at daylight on Sunday the 28th ultimo, the *Admiral* with the *Magpie* in tow took their departure, leaving the Russian flag-ship in port. Of course the movements of these vessels have occasioned much speculation, but there does not appear to have been so much excitement amongst foreign resi-

dents there as would seem to have been the case in Yokohama. The *Yokohama* is the only British man-of-war in port.

The man-of-war *Tenjo Kan*, lately built at Yokohama, will leave shortly for Corea on surveying service.

Since the entrance of the Russian fleet into Kobe harbour, the price of oil and beef has risen owing to the ships having purchased large quantities of these articles.

The American ship *Mount Washington* leaves shortly for Kobe, to load with grain for Manila.

(Herald.)

We are very sorry to see that so far no notice has been taken by the executive in the matter of the frightful scandal, which is common subject of discussion amongst foreigners and natives. If the circumstantial charges of murder, which are freely made against a high personage, are false, authoritative denial should be made, and the Japanese of the capital who have connected the horrid slander should be brought under the law of the new code, which makes ample provision for such a case. But if the dreadful charge should be true, is the culprit to be allowed to go unpunished? We can assure the Imperial government that the action or inaction it may adopt will have significant effect when the extra-territorial question is to be discussed, here or in Europe. We would like to know the Honorable Mr. Bingham's thoughts about this grave matter.

(*Maru Maru Shinbun.*)

There is now spreading a rumour, that in a country, the whereabouts of which is not exactly stated, a member of the cabinet, and consequently a person in an exalted position, has in a fit of intoxication murdered his wife, and afterwards feigned that she died from illness, and buried her in the usual manner. If such be the case, the man has by committing such a violent and criminal act sinned heavily against Heaven, and those whose duty it is to maintain the majesty of the law, cannot have been deceived by his feint, but are guilty of neglect of their duty. Although we are ignorant of the country, in which the event happened, we can see no excuse for the officers, who are charged with the protection of life, allowing themselves to be deceived in the offender's pretence and remaining in ignorance of the crime. Such a step is probably due to other considerations; it has been thought that it would be a disgrace to the government, if one of its members was publicly proclaimed guilty of a heinous crime. But the affair has already leaked out and can no longer be hidden. The rumor may be without foundation, but then the facts should be examined into, and it should be publicly proclaimed that it was a false rumor. On the other hand, if the rumor be not idle, the offender ought to be punished according to the penal code. The government ought to prove itself just and impartial, and not break its own law for the sake of an individual; it ought to disarm the suspicions of the people and not try to cover the disgrace of one of its members. If such a crime as we have alluded to be not again into the government's impurity, its popularity, and may have to face great trouble in consequence. It may appear as if we in the above have occupied ourselves with other people's business, but we only wanted to remind those with whom the responsibility rests.

The above refers to a dastardly crime said to have been recently committed by a man so high in office as to be too high for the law to reach him. If the government continue to fail to do its manifest duty by neglecting to prosecute, we shall probably be obliged to call attention to the subject.—*Japan Herald.*

Some more chiefs of the Tosa men have been arrested by the order of the government upon charges which are kept secret. It is said, how truly we know not, that there is no charge if recent conspiracy against the captives, whose real offence is compromising negotiations with the Satsuma rebels at or before the time of the late insurrection. But no doubt the Tosa chiefs have been, for two or three years past, disturbing elements in Japanese internal politics, and some facts which have come to our notice make it appear that these gentlemen have become imbued with the crude and explosive social and political notions of Lassalle and Fourier. One would think Japan had had enough of experiments tried upon her, and is not in need of a thorough upsetting, which would be brought about by a so-called return to first principles.

(Times.)
Turning to our local news, we are glad to put on record the acquittal from blame of the Captain of the *Fire Queen* whose total loss in Sendai Bay we mentioned last month; the finding of the Court of Enquiry being that "the loss of the ship is another illustration of the unreliable nature of the currents on the coast of Japan." Extraordinary country—last week the Director of its national mail line publishes a report of which nobody can believe a word; its currency is most unreliable paper, and now it appears that even the currents on the coast are not to be depended on.

Nagasaki excursionists now enjoy the advantages of a new line of transit established between that settlement and Tokushima. The vehicles are "waggonettes" and are drawn by convicts. Their movement is slow, and they are of "rough and rude construction," and not well provided with springs; they afford as much in as they do in accommodation; but they are "quite gay with white and blue awnings," and it is hoped that they will hereafter develop into something by means of which "the journey to and from Tokushima may become a comfortable and charming ride for others than Japanese."

A DREADFUL STORY.

The following letter, including extracts from the journal of Captain Thompson, of the schooner *Nellie*, which sailed from Chefoo for the Shantar Islands, in 1876, was sent to Messrs. Stanssens & Co. They at once placed the documents in the hands of Mr. W. H. Tapp, H.B.M.'s Registrar of Shipping, who had asked us to publish them in the hope of finding a channel by which the news of the unhappy men's untimely and might be made known to their friends. The dreadful story needs no comment—it speaks for itself.

Messrs. STANSSENS & Co., Shanghai.

GENTLEMEN.—As I am not acquainted with any newspaper Agency in China, I have taken the liberty to forward to you some extracts from the journal of the schooner *Nellie*, Captain Stanssens, which sailed from Chefoo for the Shantar Islands, where she arrived on the 17th Sept., 1876, and where unfortunately all hands died from scurvy. As it is necessary that the friends of the deceased should be made acquainted with the sad tidings, may I beg of you to communicate the particulars

either to the Shipping Office of Chefoo or to some newspaper, so that the matter be made public. The *Nellie* was found at Shantar, off Shantar, by Captain Charles Hutchinson, of the whaling schooner *Hannah Rice*, and the papers, &c., were brought by him to this place, and lodged in the Police Office for whom concerned.

Captain Hutchinson found the people (four in number), three inside the house and one outside, and buried them near the spot.

There were two Englishmen and two Chinamen; the names of the two latter are given on the articles, but are illegible. The schooner lies safely moored where she was found.

The following are the extracts from the journal alluded to:—

17th September, 1876.—Arrived at Great Shantar Island; 20th, commenced building our ranches.—5th October, moved into our new dwelling; 18th, Brown took sick.—November: at sundry work, shooting, &c.—1st December: experienced the first heavy snow storm, and ice making in the bay.

January, 1877.—Heavy snowstorms and cold weather. Brown got better of his sickness; 9th, Brown took bad with a swelled leg, and turning black. This month cold weather throughout; Brown confined to his bed.—February: cold weather with occasional falls of snow; 28th, caught a red fox, which gave us some fresh grub.

(Signed) THOMAS THOMPSON, Captain. March.—This month brings sickness and misery into our house; 8th, I was compelled to lie down, with my legs swollen and black, which I put down as scurvy; 20th, one of the Chinamen down with the same disease. Brown still getting worse, and complaining that it was impossible for him to live. This month ends with the sickness of our other Chinaman, who is just able to walk. Cold frosty weather.

(Signed) THOMAS THOMPSON, Master. April.—This month brings the greatest misery I have ever experienced. Brown especially not being able to turn in bed and no one able to give him a hand, the poor Chinamen only being able to give him a glass of tea; 8th, poor old Brown died, and not one of us able to close his eyes; 10th, one of the two Chinese turned out, and what with fainting fits and the smell, we had an awful time getting the corpse into a hole in the snow.

(Signed) THOMAS THOMPSON, Captain. 11th.—This morning we are all very sick, with barely any appetite, the poor China boy just being able to crawl to supply our wants. This night I feel more like dying than living, all my mouth is rotting away, and even getting down to my throat, with that horrible disease.—12th, this day brings the same things over again, only one Chinaman is getting much worse—the moaning is horrible.

(Signed) THOMAS THOMPSON, Captain. 16th.—There is misery in this ranch; one Chinaman died during the night, and what with being short of wood and water, we spent a horrible time. This morning I tried to get up, but fainting and fell down again. About 2 p.m. we tried to get the Chinaman outside, but all our attempts failed, and he is lying yet. Oh, what misery we have got into! No man can tell.

The last paragraph was not signed by the Captain. I therefore presume that he must have fainted and died. Captain Thompson evidently went to Shantar with the intention of wintering there, but unfortunately he seems to have had no experience of that kind of life, otherwise none of them would have died from scurvy, for the island abounds in berries of all kinds and produces great quantities of wild garlic, which is a certain preventative against scurvy; plenty of bears are also to be found there. If they had collected a sufficient quantity of vegetables, firewood, and bears' meat to last through the winter, they might have lived very comfortably.

I am, Gentlemen, yours obediently,

Wm. JAMESON.

Nicolaiefek, Dec. 2, 1877.

—N. C. D. News.

A CURIOUS EXPERIMENT.—The experiment of Harvey is well known, in which a hen's egg is unincubated on the third day of incubation. The beatings of the heart are perceived, but suddenly stop. The egg is then put in tepid water, and the heart begins to beat again. Mr. Darvett has lately gone a little further. He takes from the sitting hen an egg which has been three days under incubation, and keeps it at ordinary temperature for two or three days (of twenty-four hours). Then he replaces it in conditions favourable to incubation. The fowl is developed as usual. It appears from this experiment that the life of warm-blooded animals may be suspended for a very long time without death intervening, just as it is the case with very inferior animals—e.g., rotifers.

AN INN IN JAPAN.—The certainty of having a pleasant resting-place after the toil and trouble of the day is one of the charms of pedestrianism in Japan. The "Pied Bull" and "Red Lion" of our English highways make no pretence whatever to anything beyond the mere satisfying of the animal wants. How very different it is in Japan! From the moment the threshold is visited to the moment of departure, the visitor is the subject of unceasing solicitude on the part of everyone connected with the establishment from highest to lowest. If it is midday, and he has arrived hot, dusty, and a little tired, after a long morning's tramp, the whole force of the establishment ushers the visitor into a pretty, light apartment, looking on to one of those marvellous miniature gardens, in which, covering a space of a few feet, the mountains, woods, rivers, and flood of an entire province are represented. By one neatly-dressed, pleasant-looking dandy in hot water, a second fan him and keeps up a voluble patter of conversation, a third on her knees offers him refreshing tea and sweetmeats, whilst the host himself with another detachment of waitresses is helping the coolies to unpack the box containing the European food. Everything that meets the eye is contrived to please it. There are pleasant rustic paintings on the screens. There are vases with flowers dotted about; from the wood-work outside are suspended gaily-coloured lanterns, or festoons of glass through which the wind makes a soothing music, so that by the time the traveller has finished his repast, has smoked a pipe and perhaps drunk a cup of "Saki" with the host, he feels thoroughly refreshed and in capital humour to resume his journey. All this enjoyment is procured at a merely nominal cost, and the present of some bread or European liquor to the house at leaving brings out the whole establishment, who say "Sayonara"—that is, "Good-bye"—with their foreheads on the mat.—*By gressis.*

Quotations.

HONGKONG, May 15, 1878.

OPIMUM.—New Patna, cash, \$580 a 562½ credit, —
" Old Patna, cash, — None credit, —
" New Benares, cash, 560 a 562½ credit, —
" Old Benares, cash, — None credit, —
" New Malwa, cash, 785 credit, 790
" Allowance Teels, 6 a 18
" Old Malwa, cash, — credit, —
" Allowance Teels, —

CAMPOR, — — — — — 16.75 a 17.00

QUICKSILVER, — — — — — 61.00 a 61.75

SALTPETRE, — — — — — 6.25 a 6.80

Exchange.

Bank, on demand, — — — — — 3/10½
" 30 days sight, — — — — — 3/10½
" 6 months sight, — — — — — 3/11½
Credits, — — — — — 8/11½
Documentary, 6 months sight, — 8/11½
Bombay, demand Rupees, — — 227½
Calcutta, — — — — — 72½
Shanghai, demand, — — — — — 72½
" 30 days, — — — — — 10 7/8
Bar Silver, 17, dwts. B., — — — 8 1/8
Sycee, — — — — — 13 p.c. pm.
Mexicans, — — — — — 5.24
Gold Leaf, — — — — — 5.25
English Sovereigns, — — — — — 5.25
Australian Sovereigns, — — — — — 7 to 9 %

Shares.

Hongkong Bank, 63 % prem.
Union Ins. Society of Canton, \$1,825
China Traders' Ins. Co., \$1,800
Chinese Insurance Co., \$270
Kowloon Ins. Assoc., Tia. 640
North China Ins. Co., Tia. 880
S. K. Fire Ins. Co., \$700
China Fire Ins. Co., \$180
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Hongkong Gas Co., 75
Hongkong Hotel Co., 85
China Sugar Refining Co., 7 % prem.
Chinese Imperial Loan, \$104.
Do. of 1877, \$102½.

Temperature.

(Taken at Messrs Talbot & Co.'s Premises Queen's Road.)

HONGKONG, May 15, 1878.

BAROMETER—9 A.M. — — — 30.150
Do. 1 P.M. — — — 30.100
Do. 4 P.M. — — — 30.060
THERMOMETER—9 A.M. — — — 76
Do. 1 P.M. — — — 76
Do. 4 P.M. — — — 76
Do. (Wet bulb) 9 A.M. 74
Do. Do. 1 P.M. 75
Do. Do. 4 P.M. 75
Do. Maximum — — — 77
Do. Minimum over night 74

Shipping Intelligence.

The followings corrected from the latest London and Colonial Papers, &c.:

VESSELS TO ARRIVE

AT HONGKONG.

When left. Name. From. Remarks.

Oct.

19, Oscar, Hamburg

26, Benedicta, San Francisco

Nov.

2, Minna, London

3, Elizabeth Sheldale, Hamburg

20, Jetti, Cardiff

Dec.

1, Glengaber, Flushing

2, Otto, Hamburg

13, Sir Harry Parkes, London

19, Sedan, Cardiff

—, R. B. Fuller, Cardiff

23, J. R. Worcester, London

24, G. B. S., Liverpool

Jan.

8, Korso, Penarth

Mails.



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Hongkong, May 4, 1878. my18

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same day; all Parcel Packages should be
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Hongkong, April 25, 1878. my28

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Fire Department.
Policies issued for long or short periods at
current rates. A discount of 30 % allowed.

Life Department.
Policies issued for sums not exceeding
\$5,000 at reduced rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, July 25, 1872.

MANCHESTER FIRE ASSURANCE
COMPANY OF MANCHESTER
AND LONDON.

THE Undersigned have been appointed
Agents for the above Company at
Hongkong, Canton, Shanghai,
and other ports, and are prepared to grant
Insurances at current rates.

HOLLIDAY, WISE & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, October 14, 1874.

Merchant Vessels in Hongkong Harbour.

Summary of late Arrivals and Departures reported to-day.

Vessel's Name.	Flag.	Tons.	Date of Arrival.	Consignees or Agents.	Destination.	Remarks.
Steamers.						
Albatross	Brit.	366	May 13	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Tamul, &c.	To-morrow
Albatross	Brit.	1179	May 9	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Saloon	at daylight
Albatross	Brit.	1088	May 9	Meyer & Co.	Saloon	at daylight
Albatross	Brit.	583	May 13	Blair & Co.	Saloon	For Sale
Albatross	Brit.	915	April 22	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Saloon	For Sale
Albatross	Brit.	1271	May 2	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1120	May 4	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1420	May 7	G. H. Stevens & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	743	Feb. 12	Kwok Ah-chong	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1303	May 11	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	95	Oct. 9	Kwok Ah-chong	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1123	May 1	Butterfield & Swire	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	937	May 9	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	648	May 16	Siemens & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	5079	May 16	P. M. S. S. Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1280	May 8	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	864	May 15	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	117	G. K. & W'poo Dock Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	163	G. McElin	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	597	April 18	Gee Ohng Hong	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1243	May 8	H. Kier & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1588	April 21	Adamson, Bell & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1878	May 14	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	977	April 25	G. H. Stevens & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1136	May 15	Siemens & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1896	May 9	David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	886	May 14	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1641	May 14	Gee Ohng Hong	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	670	May 11	Douglas Laprak & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	884	May 7	Siemens & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	994	May 9	Siemens & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1209	May 15	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	678	Mar. 17	Landstein & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	606	May 14	Kwok Ah-chong	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1328	May 11	Melchers & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	643	May 10	Butterfield & Swire	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1100	May 14	Sooy Shing	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	731	May 14	Sooy Shing	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	874	May 14	Sooy Shing	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1511	May 7	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1040	May 2	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1271	May 4	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	281	May 12	Kwok Ah-chong	Saloon	Laid up
Sailing Vessels.						
Albatross	Brit.	393	May 8	Borneo Co., Limited	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	280	April 27	Siemens & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	493	May 4	Wm. Pustan & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	325	April 5	Edward Schellhass & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	947	April 24	Butterfield & Swire	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	207	April 25	Captain	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	789	April 26	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	885	May 12	Wieler & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	324	April 23	Russell & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	668	May 3	Siemens & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	681	May 3	Olyphant & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	284	May 1	Gas Company	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1199	Feb. 18	Meyer & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	668	Mar. 14	Captain	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	310	April 23	Meyer & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	788	April 8	Meyer & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	389	April 27	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1181	Feb. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	312	Mar. 30	Wieler & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	740	April 14	Meyer & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	495	April 1	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	484	May 13	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	282	May 8	Melchers & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	757	April 18	Rozario & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	678	April 7	Meyer & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	699	May 8	Landstein & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	515	May 3	Chinese	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	458	April 18	H. Kier & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1676	Aug. 18	Russell & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	240	April 25	Edward Schellhass & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1081	April 16	Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	853	May 4	Chinese	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	493	May 13	Captain	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	532	May 13	Chinese	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	275	May 13	Chinese	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	440	May 13	Chinese	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	330	May 13	Chinese	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	292	May 13	Chinese	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	380	Mar. 25	Carlowitz & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	197	Feb. 28	Rozario & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1374	Feb. 28	Russell & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	986	Feb. 28	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	392	May 3	Siemens & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	476	May 10	Chinese	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1115	May 1	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1418	April 24	Butterfield & Swire	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	983	April 14	Butterfield & Swire	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	539	May 2	Lock Mee	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	702	May 12	Sooy Shing	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1090	Sept. 6	Russell & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	342	May 1	Siemens & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	236	Apr. 30	Melchers & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	690	Mar. 30	Russell & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	645	Apr. 8	Kim Nam	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1270	Feb. 7	Russell & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	1165	Mar. 1	Vogel, Hagedorn & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	591	Mar. 2	Edward Schellhass & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Albatross	Brit.	302	April 28	Melchers & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
WHAMPOA.						
Charles Mounpa	Brit.	352	May 5	Landstein & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Hans	Brit.	812	May 6	Wieler & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
Perusia	Brit.	3300	May 4	Olyphant & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
St. Anne	Brit.	287	May 5	Carlowitz & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
West Stanley	Brit.	983	May 13	Siemens & Co.	Saloon	Laid up
CANTON.						
Ort	Brit.	789	May 18	Siemens & Co.	Shanghai	Laid up